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| Application No.: | 10/689,660 |)FETZNER, T.A. |
| Filing Date: | October 22, 2003 |) Art Unit: |
| Atty. Docket No.: | P8305US |) 2859 |
| For: | NMR SPECTROMETER WITH GRIPPING) | |
| | DEVICE FOR HANDLING A SAMPLE) | |
| | BUSHING WITH OUTER GROOVE) | |

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application. Please note the following crossed items:

- (X) No additional fee is required.
() The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Present Number Extra | Rate | FEE |
|--|---|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Total claims | 20 | - | 20 | X | x\$50 | 0 |
| Independent claims | 1 | - | 3 | X | x\$200 | 0 |
| Multiple dependent claim added | | | | | \$360 | 0 |
| | | | | | TOTAL \$ | 0 |
| () If small entity, then divide total fee by 2 | | | | | SMALL ENTITY TOTAL \$ | 0 |

- A Petition for Extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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 - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-1447.
 - Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Respectfully submitted

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This communication is in response to the Office Action in the subject patent application mailed December 15th, 2004. Please amend this application as indicated below.